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Dear Ms. Hesse:

The business of America is business, according to President Woodrow Wilson. That statement has held true for the entire duration of our nation's young life. Whenever business is good, we say that "times are good" in America. When business is off, we say that we're going through a "tough time". I regret to say that I believe that tough times are currently upon us and our economy needs for business to get back on track. In some areas, the government can play an active role in restoring consumer confidence, and strengthening investor resolve.

The stock market is in limbo. Investors are in a period of uncertainty that began when the federal government announced that Microsoft would be dissolved into a series of small companies. The tech sector of the economy, which had been largely separated from government, and looked to Microsoft for leadership, became a very unstable place for investors and employees to be that day. We need to recapture the magic of the 1990s economy by putting the Microsoft lawsuit behind us once and for all.

The federal government and Microsoft are in agreement on the terms of the settlement. All that remains is for Judge Kollar Kotelly to approve the settlement. I hope and pray the settlement will be approved. A renewed spirit of entrepreneurial innovation will be started on that momentous occasion.

I am honored to live in the United States of America, a country in which we have a fair and impartial judicial system. The trial has run its course. The verdict is in. Both parties want to settle, in order to save the American people and the American economy irreparable harm. It's time to move forward.

I request that Judge Kollar Kotelly will approve the settlement.

Sincerely,



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